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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation
scheduled for the House floor

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SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) ***Recognizing the Achievements of Operation Respect and the 'Don't Laugh At Me' Programs*** (H.Res. 161). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

2) ***Commending and Supporting the Efforts of Students in Free Enterprise [SIFE], the World's Preeminent Collegiate Free Enterprise Organization*** (H.Res. 107). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

3) ***Expressing Support for the Celebration of Patriot's Day and Honoring the Nation's First Patriots*** (H.Con.Res. 149). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

4) ***Recognizing the Achievements and Contributions of the National Wildlife Refuge System on the Occasion of its Centennial Anniversary and Expressing Strong Support for the Continued Success of the National Wildlife Refuge System*** (H.Res. 173). 

This resolution has no budget implications.


5) ***Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act*** (H.R. 274). 

This bill does not increase direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or reduce revenue.

6) ***Gila River Indian Community Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 2003*** (S. 162). 

This bill does not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

Bill: ***Improving Education Results for Children With Disabilities Act of 2003*** (H.R. 1350). 

Committee: Education and the Workforce

Summary: This legislation reauthorizes the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [IDEA] through fiscal year 2009. It also revises the program by changing the requirements for the

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assistance in the education of all children with disabilities. It replaces State program improvement grants for children with disabilities with grants to State education agencies for professional development; and the latter grants are for both special education and regular education teachers of children with disabilities. The bill also revises reporting requirements to reduce paperwork for special education teachers.

H.R. 1350 does not substantially change IDEA State grant formulas, and does not change how IDEA funds are currently allocated. The measure would limit the number of children with disabilities, age 3 to 17, who are counted for determining maximum State grants. The limit would be set at 13.5 percent of all children in that age group within a State. This provision would have no impact on a State's allocation until the State becomes eligible for its maximum grant, and then only if the number of children with disabilities served was greater than 13.5 percent of all children age 3 to 17 in the State. The intent is to discourage States from over-identifying children with disabilities to increase their maximum grants.

Cost: The bill authorizes the appropriation of \$10.3 billion for IDEA grants in fiscal year 2004. This rises to \$25.2 billion for fiscal year 2010. The bill would not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

Budget Act: This legislation does not violate any provision of the Congressional Budget Act.

Bill: ***United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003*** (H.R. 1298). 

Committee: International Relations

Summary: This bill requires the President to establish a comprehensive, integrated, 5-year strategy to combat the global spread of HIV and AIDS. It establishes within the Department of State a presidentially appointed Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally. The bill authorizes the United States to participate in the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and to provide financial assistance for vaccine contributions.

Cost: Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, the Congressional Budget Office estimates implementing H.R. 1298 would cost \$568 million in 2004, and \$11 billion over the 2004-2008 period. The bill would not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

Budget Act: The bill does not violate the Congressional Budget Act.

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